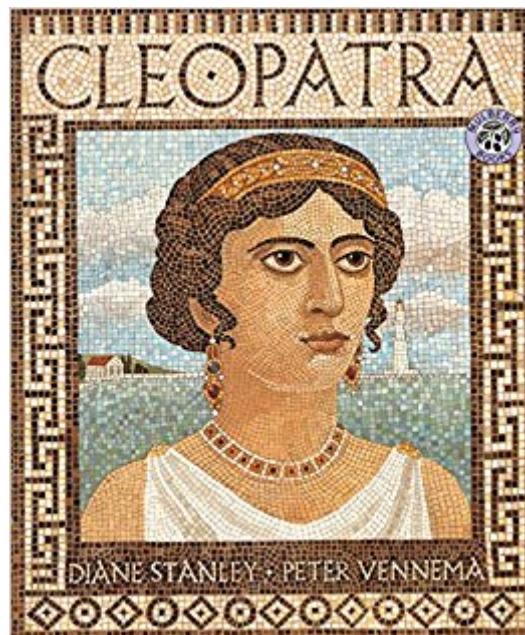


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# Cleopatra



## **Synopsis**

Queen of Egypt at the age of eighteen, Cleopatra's passion was to untie the world under Egyptian rule. Legendary leaders risked their kingdoms to win her heart, and her epic life has inspired countless tales throughout history. A timeless story of love, war, and ambition, their pictorial biography is sure to entertain and educate.

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The dazzling Egyptian queen proves a fertile subject for Stanley and Vennema, who have produced notable biographies of Queen Elizabeth, William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens and others. Here they make a seemingly effortless leap into ancient times, masterfully relating Cleopatra's life story through words and pictures. A succinct preface places the tale in historical context, noting that much of what is known about Cleopatra is based on legend or gossip--and that most accounts of her life were penned by her enemies. Stanley includes occasional quotes from the writings of Plutarch as she ably distills complex political machinations as well as the particulars of Cleopatra's often enigmatic private life, including her banishment from Alexandria and her fateful love for first Julius Caesar and then Mark Antony. Vennema's stunning gouache paintings spotlight the artist's trademark, period detail--attention is lavished upon simulating mosaics, for example, which serve as background for the text blocks. This peerless author/artist team makes the captivating, ultimately tragic Cleopatra seem astoundingly real. Ages 7-up. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information,

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great old movie and looked almost as good as the original film version on my HD tv

Was so glad to get this on DVD. Have loved this movie since I was a kid.

Wonderful Movie.

A true Hollywood classic. Great costumes and sets. Elizabeth Taylor is great as the title character. Movies are not made like this anymore.

I wouldn't even waste time on the Vivien Leigh Cleopatra, this is by far the best!

Loved it. Why? Because - Elizabeth Taylor! Richard Burton! What's not to love?

this is the film that nearly broke Fox~ TAYLOR WAS VERY ILLING DURING SHOOTING AND

CONSIDERABLE DELAYS RE SHOOTS AND ENTIRE SCENES BEING RESHOT IN OTHER LOCATIONS COST THE MOST OF ANY MOVIE TO THIS DATE~ELIZABETH TAYLOR IS HER MOST BEAUTIFUL BEST AS Cleopatra~ Rex Harrison is Julius Caesar who has conquered most of the world~ head to Egypt stop the feud between brother and sister who co rule Egypt~ Cleopatra is Taylor who is gorgeous in every scene but can act~ but this is not one of her best performances. The Rex Harrison plays the brilliant and elegant Caesar~ as the IDIOT BROTHER TRIES TO KILL HIS SISTER CLEOPATRA~ CASEAR HAS HIM KILLED~ SO NOW she seeks an alliance through marriage and gives him a son~ and becomes Queen of Egypt~ arriving back in Rome Devious Senators have Caesar killed and Cleopatra flees back to Egypt pursued by Anthony~ (Richard Burton) as Octavian (Roddy McDowell) now the NEW Roman Emperor~ is on his way to take back prisoner Cleopatra~ but the Anthony kills himself when he assumes Cleopatra is dead~ and she kills herself when Octavia arrives in Alexandria~ THE HOT ROMANCE OF BURTON AND TAYLOR~OFF AND ON SCREEN WAS A TOTAL SCANDAL IN THE 1960S AND WAS THE BEST PUBLICITY FOR THIS FILM~ lol BECAUSE EVERYONE WANTED TO SEE THIS HOT COUPLE ON SCREEN~ORIG 4 HOURS 3 MINUTES~ EDITED DOWN 20 MINUTES~ this set excellent quality remastered DVD and featurette documentary on the movie and filming of it~ 3 dvd set~ I GIVE IT A 7 OUT OF 10 FOR TOTAL LONG EPIC ADVENTURE~ WORTH THE WATCH TO SEE CLEOPATRA ARRIVE IN ROME~ MCDOWELL IS EXCELLENT AS THE SNEAKY DEVIOUS OCTAVIAN~

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